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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION TO OECD PARIS ANKARA BERN BONN BRUSSELS
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FOR OECD PARIS

1. IN DISCUSSION OF ACTIVATION OF COMMITTEE ON ENERGY
POLICY PRIOR TO AND AT NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL YOU SHOULD
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NOTE THAT WHILE WE HAVE AGREED TO CEP'S ACTIVATION, WE

DO NOT AGREE THAT TO USE IT AS OECD MECHANISM FOR FOLLOWING WORK OF CIEC ENERGY COMMISSION WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. UNDER CHAPTER VIII OF IEP, IEA MEMBERS ARE OBLIGATED TO COORDINATE THEIR POSITIONS ON ENERGY IN THE DIALOGUE WITHIN THE IEA. AT SAME TIME, AMPLE LINKS EXIST THROUGH IEA GOVERNING BOARD CHAIRMAN, COMBINED ENERGY STAFF AND BILATERAL CONTACTS, FOR NON-IEA MEMBERS TO BE KEPT INFORMED OF EVENTS IN ENERGY COMMISSION AND TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS TO IEA AND TO DC PARTICIPANTS IN ENERGY COMMISSION. EC MEMBER COUNTRIES ALSO HAVE DIRECT LINK TO ENERGY COMMISSION THROUGH EC COMMISSION AND PRESIDENCY REPRESENTATION.

2. NOR ARE WE PREPARED TO AGREE THAT CEP WORK PROGRAM SHOULD DUPLICATE OTHER ACTIVITIES PRESENTLY UNDERWAY IN IEA AS THIS WOULD IMPOSE AN IMPOSSIBLE BURDEN ON IEA MEMBERS AND COMBINED ENERGY STAFF.

3. WE RECOGNIZE CONCERNS WHICH PROMPT SOME MEMBERS TO CALL FOR CEP ACTIVATION, BUT URGE MEMBERS TO CONSIDER FOREGOING VIEWS IN PREPARING FOR FIRST MEETING.

4. PRIOR TO COUNCIL DISCUSSION NEXT WEEK MISSION SHOULD BRIEF KEY DELEGATIONS, DRAWING ON ABOVE TO EXPAND ON AMBASSADOR'S TURNER'S STATEMENT AT FEBRUARY 3 COUNCIL MEETING, AND SEEK THEIR SUPPORT FOR US POSITION. FYI - IN VIEW OF ABOVE WE PREFER TO DEFER DECISION ON DATE AND CHAIRMAN, BUT WOULD WANT FIRST MEETING NO SOONER THAN EARLY APRIL AND IEA MEMBER AS CHAIRMAN - END FYI.

FOR IEA CAPITALS

5. EMBASSIES REQUESTED BRIEF APPROPRIATE HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS AND SEEK SUPPORT FOR US POSITION. INGERSOLL UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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